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SUBJ: CCMS ROAD SAFETY FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) PARIS 5390, (B) STATE 13173, (C) STATE 22581,
(D) STATE 51286

1. SUMMARY--THIS TEL PROVIDES RESPONSES FROM GERONDEAU'S STAFF RE VARIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING CCMS ROAD SAFETY PROJECT. GERONDEAU MAY ATTEMPT TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING REVISED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION IN ORDER PERMIT ROAD SAFETY PROJECT TO BE UOUND UP AT CCMS PLENARY IN APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY MAILED TO BURKE OF NHTSA LAST WEEK COPY OF ENGLISH TEXT OF ECMT DOCUMENT ENCLOSED WITH LETTER FROM MAMONTOFF OF GERONDEAU'S STAFF REPORTED REF (A): ECMT DOC NO. CM(75)30 ENTITLED "REPORT ON THE RECENT BREAKDOWN COVERING ROAD ACCIDENTS AND BREAKDOWN OF CASUALTIES--YEAR 1974". MAMONTOFF LETTER STATES DATA CONTAINED THAT REPORT ARE "APPARENTLY RELIABLE" AND CAN BE USED IN PILOT STUDY FOLLOW-UP REPORTS. LETTER ADDS THAT ORIGINALS USED FOR PREPARATION ECMT REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MLLE. VAN BUTSEELE, MINISTRY OF

COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL SERVICES, 62 RUE DE LA LOI,
BRUSSELS (TEL. 218-6060 OR 512-4176).

3. OTHER POINTS MENTIONED IN MAMONTOFF LETTER:

A) WITH POSTPONEMENT OF ECMT ROAD SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING TO MARCH 25-26, RECEIPT OF US REPLY
TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON ACCIDENTS AT NIGHT EVEN THOUGH
DELAYED WILL STILL BE WELCOME.

B) PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS FORESEEN AT THIS
TIME FOR MARCH 25-26 MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) EXAMINATION OF FRENCH DEL REPORT ON
ACCIDENTS AT NIGHT, AND COMPARISON OF SITUATION IN
DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES ON BASIS OF REPLIES TO
QUESTIONNAIRE THIS SUBJECT;

2) EXAMINATION OF GERMAN DEL REPORT ON
HARMONIZATION OF SPEED LIMITS FOR UTILITY VEHICLES IN
THE MEMBER STATES;

3) RESULTS OF OECD RESEARCH ON PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY AND PRELIMINARY CONCRETE PROPOSALS RELATING
THERE TO;

4) IN PRINCIPLE, EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS
OF THE ORGANIZATION PREVENTION ROUTIERE
INTERNATIONALE CONCERNING ROAD SAFETY REGULATIONS TO
BE TAUGHT TO NEW DRIVERS; CONTENT OF THE "ROAD SAFETY"
PORTION OF DRIVER'S TEST.

4. RE FRENCH IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION ON ROAD HAZARDS,
MAMONTOFF WROTE THAT UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF OECD REPORT ON
ROAD HAZARDS HAD JUST BECOME AVAILABLE, THOUGH OFFICIAL
TEXT FULLY APPROVED BY OECD WILL BE PUBLISHED
ONLY IN DEC. 1976. UNOFFICIAL VERSION OF OECD REPORT
HAD BEEN SENT UPON RECEIPT TO FRYBOURG, DIRECTOR OF
TRANSPORT RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IRT), WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR COMPLETION OF CCMS RESOLUTION. FRYBOURG HAD ASSURED
MAMONTOFF WORK ON RESOLUTION WOULD BE COMPLETED "IN A
FEW MONTHS".

5. WHEN WE MENTIONED FOREGOING TO HARRIS DURING
LATTER'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK, HE EXPRESSED
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER SUCH LONG DELAY AND INDICATED
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THAT IT HAD BEEN HOPED REVISED FRENCH IMPLEMENTING
RESOLUTION COULD BE IN HAND BY END MARCH AT THE LATEST
TO PERMIT CIRCULATION TO MEMBER STATES IN ADVANCE OF
CCMS PLENARY IN APRIL WHEN IT WAS HOPED TO WIND UP
ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. WHEN UNABLE CONTACT
FRYBOURG THIS SUBJECT, WE SPOKE WITH MAMONTOFF WHO
AGREED SUGGEST GERONDEAU URGE FRYBOURG TO SPEED UP
COMPLETION OF REVISION OF IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION.

6. FRYBOURG CALLED US MARCH 4. HE EXPLAINED THAT OECD REPORT WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED CONTAINED NO RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS AND HE THEREFORE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THEIR RECEIPT BEFORE HE COULD USEFULLY REVISE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION. THIS WAS WHY HE HAD

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INDICATED TO GERONDEAU'S OFFICE WORK WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME MONTHS. WHEN WE POINTED OUT DESIRED TIMETABLE FOR WINDING UP ROAD SAFETY PROJECT IN MAY, FRYBOURG SAID THAT REVISION OF IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION HAD BEEN DECIDED IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE INITIAL TEXT WAS SO BLAND AS TO BE COMPLETELY "WITHOUT INTEREST". IF USG WAS NOW SO ANXIOUS TO WIND UP PILOT STUDY AT APRILPLENARY, HE SAID, THEN ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS TO PUT FORWARD THE INITIAL TEXT OF THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION DESPITE ITS SHORTCOMINGS. (COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT TO US AT THIS STAGE THAT FRYBOURG'S PATIENCE WAS WEARING A BIT THIN WITH THE WHOLE EXERCISE.)

7. WE COMPARED NOTES LATER IN THE DAY WITH MAMONTOFF, WHO DID NOT BELIEVE THAT GERONDEAU HAD YET SPOKEN WITH FRYBOURG. MAMONTOFF FELT THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ABSENCE OF CONCLUSIONS, OECD REPORT SHOULD CONTAIN ENOUGH ELEMENTS IN THE BODY OF THE TEXT TO PERMIT IDEAS TO BE EXTRACTED FOR IMPROVING THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION. HE SAID HE WOULD THEREFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMEND TO GERONDEAU THAT LATTER OFFER TO TAKE PROJECT OFF FRYBOURG'S HANDS AND HAVE HIS (GERONDEAU'S) STAFF COMPLETE REVISION OF IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION IN ORDER THAT TEXT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR CIRCULATION BY END MARCH. THIS COULD POSE SOME JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS WITH FRYBOURG, WHO THUS FAR HAD HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR CCMS IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION, SAID MAMONTOFF, BUT SINCE GERONDEAU HAD POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOB FOR ROAD SAFETY MATTERS IT WAS LEGITIMATE THAT AT THIS STAGE HE PROPOSE TAKING OVER COMPLETION OF THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION. WE INDICATED TO MAMONTOFF THAT QUESTION OF HOW WORK THIS SUBJECT WAS DIVIDED WITHIN GOF WAS OF COURSE PURELY INTERNAL MATTER ON WHICH WE HAD NO SAY, BUT WHATEVER MIGHT BE DONE TO SPEED UP COMPLETION OF REVISED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. MAMONTOFF PROMISED KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

8. RE QUERY PARA 2 REF (D), MAMONTOFF DID NOT RECALL OFFHAND TITLE OF OECD REPORT THAT HAS JUST BEEN SENT TO FRYBOURG BUT IS CHECKING INTO THIS AND WILL ADVISE. RUSH

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